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THE VATICAN

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IN THE UNITED STATES

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"When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren."—Luke xxii:32.

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## NEEDED— A LIVING SAVING CHRIST!

IN THE WORDS of Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits, the aim of the Roman Catholic church is "*to rule in a cemetery.*" This demands on the part of its members utter subjection to the church—what the Jesuits call "corpse obedience." Fear is the driving power. Love, light and life languish in the shadow of death.

Jesus Christ said :  
"I am the way, the  
truth and the life"  
—"I am the resur-  
rection and the  
*life.*" His is a reli-  
gion of life filled to  
the brim and over-  
flowing, imbuing all



that share it with dynamic action, joy and gladness. Now, more than ever before, this is the religion that alone can save this stricken world.

TYPICAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S AIM TO "RULE IN A CEME-  
TERY" AND ITS CULT OF A LIFELESS CHRIST, IS THIS WELL-  
KNOWN IMAGE WHICH STANDS AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE  
FAMOUS SALZBURG MONASTERY IN AUSTRIA. SOME SAY IT IS  
GOOD ART — BUT IT IS VERY POOR RELIGION.

**EDITORIAL NOTES AND COMMENTS****REMEMBER!**

**A** FEW YEARS AGO we laughed when Fascism decreed guns in place of butter. Fascism has since forced Americans to accept many a like decree.

We also laughed at Fascist ideology —its war of ideas. Let us see to it now that Fascism does not force its ideas on us also.

For it is possible that Fascism, after losing the war of arms, may conquer America with its ideas.

**IS THE POPE A 'PRISONER'?**

**P**ANIC headlines that the pope was made a virtual prisoner of the Nazis after they took over Rome in September were intended to arouse American Catholics against Hitler. Needless to say, they exaggerated and distorted the facts of the case. Pope Pius XI, of his own free will, placed the Vatican under the protection of Fascism, when he signed the Lateran Treaty and Concordat with Mussolini in 1929. When Mussolini fell, Hitler, with whom the pope also has a Concordat, took over for him and continued that "protection" of the Vatican in his stead.

Furthermore, the Nazi guards who took up position in St. Peter's Square just outside Vatican City merely replaced Mussolini's national police who, by the terms of the Vatican-Fascist Treaty, were given the right to guard this entrance to the Vatican and its cathedral.

Drew Middleton, in the N. Y. *Times* of September 9, declared on authoritative information that the pope took no

part in the surrender of Italy. He did nothing, therefore, to estrange his relations with Mussolini or to abrogate the Vatican treaty with the Fascist regime. Thus, when the Germans took over Rome and rescued Mussolini to set him up as dictator of a revived Fascist government in Italy, the pope remained in the same relation as before to both Mussolini and Hitler as far as the Treaty and Concordats are concerned.

The Vatican radio went out of its way in an English broadcast to deny that the Germans crossed the borderline of Vatican City. And a dispatch from Berne, Switzerland, to the New York *Times* of September 29, reported that "Pope Pius XII had resumed his private audiences." This dispatch also reported a special arrangement "between the commander of the German occupation troops in Rome and the Vatican authorities whereby priests might circulate freely in Rome, even after the German-set curfew hour."

**THE REAL ENEMIES OF CATHOLICISM**

**S**TONGEST opposition to Clericalism and the political activities of the Catholic church has always been found in Catholic countries. Spain and Mexico are recent examples of this. Or look, for instance, at Luxembourg, before Hitler occupied it. It was entirely Catholic, but refused permission to priests to enter its schools, even to teach religion.

But in this Protestant country the Catholic hierarchy and its militant press have succeeded in convincing the general public, and especially the Federal

Council of Churches, that even to mention Clericalism is anti-Catholic and rank Protestant bigotry.

It is time the American people were told that opposition to Vatican intrigues and Catholic church polities is an old Catholic custom.

### RESTORING RELIGION IN RUSSIA

THE JESUITS are incensed at the re-establishment of the Orthodox church in Soviet Russia, and their magazine *America*, of September 18 last, endeavored to make believe that it is merely a trick of Stalin's to use the Russian church "as a powerful means for dramatizing patriotic appeals at least to the non-Soviet world."

The Catholic church pinned its hopes on Hitler's conquest of Russia, and had its missionaries trained and ready to accompany the victorious Nazi armies into Moscow. For centuries it had awaited this opportunity to bring Russia into the fold of the Roman Catholic church. When Hitler failed, efforts were made toward an agreement between the Vatican and the Kremlin, that would have allowed freedom of propaganda to the Catholic church in Russia. But Stalin, and the Russian Orthodox church, would have none of it. Now, with the re-establishment of the Russian church and its support of Russia's war against Fascism, all the hopes of the Catholic church have been crushed.

One of the first official acts of the newly-elected Patriarch Sergius was to excommunicate all bishops, priests and laymen who have collaborated with Fascism. This is in contrast to the Pope of Rome who not only made no protest against his bishops and clergy for

their open support of Hitler, Mussolini, Franco and the other Fascist dictators, but himself entered into solemn agreements and Concordats with all of them.



### IS PROTESTANT AMERICA GODLESS?

THE PROPAGANDA technique of the Catholic church, similar to that of its Nazi imitators, prescribes that the same few statements in one form or another must be hammered home without interruption, until friend and enemy alike come to accept them through mere force of repetition.

In its war on Protestantism, the Catholic church has always used one such basic propaganda statement: that the United States is a Godless country. Last September 1, the official N.C.W.C. News Service released anew to its hundreds of Catholic newspapers in this country and abroad the oft-repeated false assertion that "there are in the United States about 70 millions inhabitants who do not profess any religion." (Cf. *The Brooklyn Tablet*, Sept. 4, 1943).

The above statement is a gross distortion of fact, a false report of statistics, and a misrepresentation of what religion really means. In the first place, the 1943 report of *The Yearbook of the American Churches* gives the figure of 50.3 per cent of the total population of the United States (67,327,719) as affiliated to a church, estimated on the basis of the population by the Census Bureau for January 1, 1942. This means that less than 50,000,000 adults are not regular churchgoers. Secondly, this does not mean that nearly 50 million people in this country are atheists, as Catholic propaganda would have the world believe. One can be a very good church-

goer but a very poor Christian; nor is it necessary to be a listed churchgoer to be a good Christian. Protestant Christianity, following the true New Testament teaching, believes that salvation is had, not through any particular church, but through personal acceptance of Jesus Christ.

The late Methodist Bishop Leonard, virtual chief of Protestant Army chaplains, stated last June that 73 per cent of the Armed Forces are Protestants.

But Catholic propaganda has much to gain by repeating its false statement that the great majority of people in democratic America are Godless. It is first of all a re-assertion of Catholicism's outworn claim that salvation can be had only within the church of Rome, that being a member of the Roman Catholic church and accepting its dogmas are all-important—that morals and the Bible teaching are secondary. Thus they claim, Spain, for instance, as a 'Catholic' country, despite the fact that only about 20 per cent of its people practice the Catholic religion.

The assertion that America is a Godless country is also good Axis propaganda, and has been drummed into the ears of the people of all Nazi-fascist dominated countries for the past ten years. But its main advantage for the Catholic church is the false impression it gives that freedom of religion and democracy lead to atheism.



► MICHIGAN METHODISTS, at their annual convention in Detroit this year, voted overwhelmingly in favor of the proposition that all Army and Navy chaplains should be paid by their respective church bodies, to safeguard our cherished principle of separation of church and state.

## 'PERSECUTION' OF CATHOLICS

GEORGE P. WEST, recently deceased journalist, writing in *The New Republic* of March 1, 1943, touched upon the psychological secret of Catholicism's political success in this country in the last twenty years: It cried on the public's shoulder telling how despised and ill-treated it was, until tolerant American Protestants outdid themselves by granting special consideration and preferred employment to Catholics. Patronizing of Catholics became the hallmark of broad-mindedness.

Catholic leadership took advantage of this overflow of tolerance to organize the strongest political lobby and the most ruthless pressure group in the country—and the only one with its own foreign policy. It soon bludgeoned the American press into servility. It then proceeded to silence its critics and even prevent friendly public discussion of Catholic church politics. After flooding the press with Catholic propaganda under threat of boycott, it brought Hollywood to its knees by the same force. Now it snaps the whip over both the State Department and the Post Office bureau of censorship.

However, it overshot its mark. Many Americans are beginning to rub their eyes and ask what is happening. So the Catholic church and its lackey *The Religious News Service* (supported by fear-stricken Jews) are taking precautions. They are again playing up the sympathy gag that worked so well before; they are starting to moan that a "wave of anti-Catholicism is threatening to sweep the country." Even Professor Hesselteine in the Wisconsin *Progressive* is sounding the alarm.

Nothing could be farther from the truth. Prejudice against the Catholic

people is dead in this country, and no one regrets it. One anti-Catholic paper after another has been forced out of existence. *The Monitor*, successor to the deceased *Menace* that once had a million and a half subscribers, ceased publication within recent months. So too did the *American Protestant* and previous to that *The Fellowship Forum*. The Southern anti-Catholic bloc has disappeared. Catholicism is loud and blatant in Richmond, Virginia, and other strongholds of Southern Protestantism. Catholic priests hobnob with Southern reactionaries like Reynolds, Dies and Smith. The Pelleys and the Winrods, the KKK and the Black Legion (reincarnated in the National Workers' League) are now friends and allies of Catholic Coughlinites and *Christian Fronters*, venting their common hatred exclusively on Jews, negroes and liberals whom they call "communists."

Gustavus Myers in his new *History of Bigotry* stupidly makes a major point of anti-Catholicism. He was a lexicographer lost in musty court records and lawyers' briefs. In a fast-moving world his findings on anti-Catholicism were outdated before he got around to publishing them. Moreover, *rightful defense of religious liberty by Protestants must not be confused with religious bigotry.*

When a small Catholic minority in the United States, totaling less than fifteen million adults, can dictate to the American press, radio and movies, and can harmonize the foreign policy of the United States to the tune of the Vatican reactionaries in Rome, how can it be said to suffer persecution? The shoe, in fact, is on the other foot.



► TO AVOID CHARGES OF IMPARTIALITY New York City prize essay contests have to make separate awards to public and parochial school winners.

## TAX MONEY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

MONEY paid by taxpayers to the Federal Government is being used to build and equip parochial school buildings for the Roman Catholic church. A dispatch of last September 10 from the *Press Herald Bureau* of Washington, D. C., speaking of St. John's parochial school, in Brunswick, Maine, gives the following information:

"The Federal Works Agency has allocated \$33,456 to rebuild the two-story school at Brunswick, which was recently burned down. This includes re-equipping the school. The applicant is the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland."

This school was presumably insured against fire, as all schools are. It may then well be asked, what became of the money paid by the insurance company to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland?

## THE BIBLE

"ENGLAND BECAME THE PEOPLE OF A BOOK, and that book was the Bible. It was as yet the one English book which was familiar to every Englishman. It was read in the churches and read at home, and everywhere its words, as they fell on ears which custom had not deadened, kindled a startling enthusiasm . . . The power of the Book over the mass of Englishmen showed itself in a thousand superficial ways, and in none more conspicuously than in the influence on ordinary speech . . . But far greater than its effect on literature or social phrase was the effect of the Bible on the character of the people at large . . ."

—*History of the English People*  
by J. R. Green, Chap. VIII, p. 1.

## CLERICAL FASCISM IN THE UNITED STATES

By J. J. MURPHY

*PROOF of Clerical Fascism abounds in past issues of THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE. In this timely article Dr. Murphy correlates and further clarifies many of these documented facts for the convenience of our readers and for their cumulative effect. It will be noted how many of these have been confirmed by the first-hand observations of John Roy Carlson in his book "UNDER COVER," which at present tops the current best-seller list of non-fiction.*

**E**UROPEANS, unlike Americans, rightly think of the Roman Catholic church primarily as a political and cultural force shaping the lives and destinies of men and nations—as an international super-State determined to restore its medieval domination. To this end it must necessarily destroy liberal democratic government, so mercilessly condemned by Pope Pius IX, and re-establish the Holy Roman Empire. Germany is the natural center of such an empire, now as in the past. This is the plan Pope Leo XIII had in mind when he said to the late Kaiser Wilhelm: “Germany must be the sword of the Catholic Church.”<sup>1</sup> This, too, is what Pope Pius XII thought had been practically realized when in his Christmas message of 1940 he referred to recent German victories as events that “signal the dawn of a new era.” The distinguished foreign correspondent John T. Whitaker, in close touch with Vatican sources, had reported the Pope’s thoughts in more specific terms a few months previously when he wrote from Rome:

“In this situation the Vatican has indicated that it approves the Fascist government organized in France by Marshal Pétain and Pierre Laval and it hopes to see the totalitarian regime of other ‘cor-

porative’ states, such as those in Portugal and Brazil, spread throughout the world.” —(New York Post, July 18, 1940.)

It was not without reason that a Vatican politician, Msgr. Tiso of Slovakia, said on September 27, 1940: “Catholicism and National Socialism have much in common.” In a similar vein Papal Chamberlain Franz von Papen, signer of the Hitler-Vatican concordat, had declared: “The Third Reich is the first power which not only recognizes, but which puts into practice the high principles of the Papacy.” (*Der Voelkischer Beobachter*, Jan. 14, 1934.)

Standing in the way of a world ‘corporative’ or Fascist state was the United States of America, the arsenal of democracy. This is the point Lewis Mumford made in the summer of 1940 when he wrote:

“Unfortunately the aims of Fascism are most deeply in conflict with those of a free republic like that of the United States. In this effort, the Catholic church . . . has been an ally—a potent ally—of the forces of destruction.”<sup>2</sup>

To the American Catholic hierarchy democracy had become something fetid and loathsome. The Jesuit magazine *America* in its issue of May 17, 1941, expressed itself candidly in an article we quote in part:

<sup>1</sup> *The Kaiser's Memoirs*, by Wilhelm II, p. 211; translated by Thos. R. Ybarra.

<sup>2</sup> *Faith For Living*, by Lewis Mumford.

**"How we Catholics have loathed and despised this Lucifer civilization . . . This civilization is now called democracy . . . Today, American Catholics are being asked to shed their blood for that particular kind of secularist civilization which they have been heroically repudiating for four centuries . . . The Christian Revolution will begin when we decide to cut loose from the existing social order rather than be buried with it."**

The Vatican High Command that made pacts with Mussolini and Hitler, that gave the death blow to Spanish democracy, likewise had plans for "Christian Revolution" in the United States. It did not consider Protestantism in America an obstacle to its plans. It considered it dead, since it can be trampled on without evoking protest. It turned from counter-Reformation against Protestantism to counter-Revolution against liberal democracy, which it termed "Communism." It welcomed Protestant fascists as allies.

#### BACKING OF THE HIERARCHY

The Jesuits, 'Storm Troopers of the Church,' are the power behind all church-inspired revolutions. In Austria their 'front man' was Msgr. Seipel—in the United States it is Father Coughlin. He was released from his vows in the Order of St. Basil in Canada, brought to the United States, and strategically located in the mid-West in the important industrial city of Detroit. After becoming an American citizen, Coughlin began to preach "Christian Revolution."

To anyone even remotely acquainted with the summary discipline to which the Roman Catholic clergy are subjected, that they are not allowed to publish even a word without permission of their superiors, it is evident that Father Coughlin has the complete backing of the highest authorities in the Catholic church. Moreover, without contradiction, he has attributed his Fascist doc-

trines to the encyclicals of Pope Pius XI. His weekly broadcasts were read and approved by his bishop. They were reproduced weekly in numerous Catholic papers. He was never criticized or censored by either of his superiors, his bishop or the Apostolic Delegate. Neither his broadcasting nor his paper, *Social Justice*, was stopped by the church; in fact, this paper was sold outside most Catholic churches on Sundays. When the paper was banned by the Government as seditious, the hierarchy intervened to prevent him from being tried for sedition even though he publicly declared at the time that he "was responsible and did control the magazine, its policy and contents." Without church objection, a Franciscan Father eulogized him publicly in New York on July 29, 1941, as a "second Christ" and compared his sufferings and joys with those of the Savior.

The Catholic church has allowed without protest the preaching of anti-Semitism, which paves the way for Fascism and revolution. *The Tidings*, official paper of the archdiocese of Los Angeles, for example, defended Coughlin's anti-Semitism in its issue of last April 17. Catholic authorities have not denounced, much less prevented, the printing and distribution of the vicious *Protocols of Zion* by *Social Justice*, *The Malist*, *The Catholic International* or other Catholic organizations or publications. Nor did it ever use any of its 332 Catholic publications in this country to denounce the false *Protocols*. Anti-Semitism in Catholic pulpits is not unheard-of (cf. *The Jewish Examiner*, Sept. 4, 1942).

Carlson (p. 202) observes that American fascist Seward Collins learned his anti-Semitism from *The Jews*, a book written by leading Catholic apologist Hilaire Belloc. *Key to the Mystery* by French-Canadian Catholic Adrian Arcand, fascist leader, is a classic of anti-Semitism. But, in general, the Catholic

church's anti-Semitism is discreetly kept under cover as far as church leaders are concerned. *Its most effective work is by 'whispering campaigns.'* Even Catholic apologist George Shuster admitted deep-rooted anti-Semitism in the Catholic church in this country but added that it is "seldom voiced above a whisper."<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> "The Conflicts Among Catholics" by George Shuster in the Winter 1940 edition of the quarterly, *The American Scholar*.

#### THE TABLET, SATURDAY

## ARCHBISHOP SEES CONSCRIPTION AS MOVE TOWARD WAR

Most Rev. John T. McNicholas  
In Pastoral Urges People  
To Protest

### SAYS WE MUST AVOID WAR

Burke-Wadsworth Bill As-  
sailed As Menace To  
Country

Cincinnati, July 31.—The proposed compulsory military training in the United States was branded as "the serious beginning of a totalitarian type of government in our country." Most Rev. John T.

CARDINAL DOUGHERTY  
OPPOSES DRAFT MOVE  
Volunteer Plan Best, Prelate  
Says in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 16.—On the occasion of the celebrated Cardinal's seventy-fifth birthday, he was open-  
dly critical of the proposed conscription plan.

Spain Honors Americans  
Great Cropped Isabella Given to  
4 Prelates, 3 Laymen

MADRID, Aug. 5 (UPI)—General Francisco Franco has "expressed his appreciation" of my appreciation" to seven Americans.

### Wisconsin Priest Opposes Peacetime Draft

COMPULSORY military training, as proposed in the Burke-Wadsworth bill before Congress, was denounced by the Rev. Peter E. Dietz at the regular-Sunday services of St. Monica's Catholic church in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin.

"Conscription is—"

### Catholic Bishops on National Defense,

THE BISHOPS of the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, through the general secretary, the Right Rev. Monsignor Michael J. Ready, have informed the Senate Committee on Military Affairs that they oppose the war bill.

### NO PEACE TIME CONSCRIPTION

WITH a deep understanding of human nature, Thomas Jefferson warned us against confidence in government. For government must necessarily be conducted by human beings, and human beings taste power. It is—

One form of vigilance is to write your Senators and your Congressman to vote against any form of peace-time conscription. Write at once, for liberty does not wait on tomorrows.

### AMERICA AUGUST 17, 1940

SLOVAKS TO COMBINE RELIGION AND NAZISM

Premier Medek New Coinage  
of National Socialism

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia, Aug. 16.—Slovakia's governmental system in the future will be a combination of German and Roman Catholicism. Premier Jozef Tuka repeated in a speech at the "Slovak" connection with the anti-Semitic Nazis.

Tuka referred in a speech at the "Slovak" connection with the anti-Semitic Nazis.

VICHY, France, Aug. 3 (UPI)—The Pétain Government has ordered the dissolution of Freemasonry and all other secret societies in France. This was announced today charged

The Catholic church in this country has shown its anti-democratic feelings in many ways. Bishop Gallagher, Coughlin's superior, on his return from the Vatican in 1936, declared to reporters: "Father Coughlin is an outstanding priest and his voice . . . is the voice of God."

A Catholic priest cannot speak in a diocese other than his own without explicit permission of the bishop of that diocese. The fact, therefore, that Father

### CATHOLIC SUPPORT OF NAZIS INDICATED

Statement by Reich Bishops' Conference Is Expected to Revise Church Stand

### DUE EARLY IN SEPTEMBER

Leader Sympathetic to Hitler  
Active at Session—Meets  
Bishop Is Evicted

Written to The New York Times.  
BERLIN, Aug. 27.—The pastoral letter of German Bishops, usually issued after the Bishop's conference at Fulda, which closed ——, is expected to —— first ——.

### MONTRÉAL MAYOR SCORED AS DEFANT

His Request to People Not to  
Obey Registration

### German Propaganda in Colombia Seen as Winning Conservatives

Fifth Columnists Among Influential Part  
Community Developed—They Spread

### OPPOSE AID TO ALLIES

Catholic Veterans Declare It  
Inimical to Neutrality

Written to The New York Times.  
NEWARK, N. J., June 23.—

fifth annual national convention of the Catholic War Veterans of America went on record today in a resolution to the Administration in opposition of lending all material aid

Allies. The 300 delegates and alt  
meeting at the Hotel Belmont in the three-day ——

Samples of newspaper headlines during the summer of 1940 showing American hierarchy's help to the Axis by opposing Lend-Lease and U. S. preparation for National Defense.

Coughlin, Father Curran, Father Terminiello and other Fascist leaders spoke in dioceses throughout the country shows that they had the approval of all these bishops. The priests felt likewise. A poll conducted by the Jesuit magazine *America* in the fall of 1941 showed that 90.4 per cent of the Catholic priests of the United States were opposed to our entering World War II. Archbishop Curley of Baltimore expressed the feelings of the hierarchy, when in an interview with the press on December 7, 1941, after hearing of the attack on Pearl Harbor, he implicitly denounced the war, saying: "We're not satisfied. We're out looking for war . . ."—(Baltimore *Sun*, Dec. 8, 1941.)

The Catholic hierarchy, which as a body gave immediate endorsement to World War I, waited almost a year, until Germany's defeat was foreseen, before officially giving their approval to the war.

#### POLITICAL POWER OF COUGHLIN

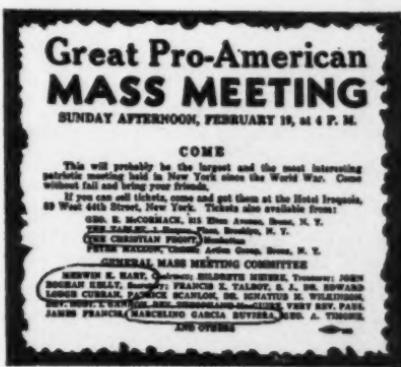
Pearl Harbor and our declaration of war put a *temporary* end to the political organization that Clerical Fascism was in the process of forging. Coughlin was just about to take over majority control of *America First* and form it into a political party, when war was declared. He had already given hints, which were seconded by Philip LaFollette and the N. Y. *Daily News*. He was about to replace Catholic John T. Flynn of the strategic New York chapter with a more obedient lackey.

*America First*, started by fascist-minded business magnates, had at first been independent of Coughlin. But by infiltration the Coughlinites became the dominant element. Catholic church Prelates gave it their enthusiastic approval. At one of its mass meetings in Madison Square Garden in New York City, under the chairmanship of John T. Flynn, Cardinal O'Connell, dean of the

American Catholic hierarchy and Bishop Shaughnessy of Seattle, formerly of the Apostolic Delegation in Washington, D. C., sent telegrams of congratulation which were publicly read.

Carlson (p. 260) quotes an official of *America First* to the effect that its membership was 80 per cent Coughlinite and would eventually be under Coughlin's complete control. General Wood had at first objected to Coughlinite dominance but later "humbled himself before the reverend-dictator of Royal Oak" in a letter published in *Social Justice*.

In addition to the Coughlinite majority, *America First* included large



Facsimile of advertisement announcing mass meeting in New York to aid Franco Spain, organized by Protestant-reactionary Merwin K. Hart, founder of "Union for Nationalist Spain." Among the names given here as sponsors are those of Marcelino Garcia Ruviera, active fifth columnist for Franco Spain in New York; two Jesuit priests: Francis X. Talbot, editor of "America" magazine, and Robert I. Gannon, President of Fordham University; two other priests, active agents of Father Coughlin's Christian Front: Edward Lodge Curran and Theophane MacGuire; also Patrick Scanlon of the Brooklyn Catholic "Tablet" which, together with the "Christian Front" and "Catholic Action," also sponsored the meeting.

numbers of the Ku Klux Klan element who in recent years have allied themselves with Catholic Fascists in a war on Jewry and 'Communist' unions. Louis B. Ward, one of Coughlin's chief assistants, addressed the Pontiac chapter of *America First* four different times. This chapter was made up almost exclusively of Klan members. Garland Alderman, secretary of the *National Workers League*, a fascist organization of KKK members, said that he was nurtured in Fascism by Father Coughlin's *Social Justice* and had also attended a series of "special lectures" by Coughlin one winter. (*Under Cover*, p. 305) He named Coughlin as one of the Americans who in the opinion of his organization would negotiate with Hitler after the hoped-for world triumph of Nazism.

#### THE 'CHRISTIAN FRONT' IN NEW YORK

Clerical Fascism worked on a number of 'fronts' and a variety of social levels. Smooth-tongued Msgr. Sheen (the Lawrence Dennis of Catholic Fascism), Jesuit Father Hubbard and others took care of the moneyed classes. They were ably assisted by wealthy laymen such as Judge John A. Matthews and former Catholic diplomats like John Cudahy and Joe Kennedy, former ambassador to England, who in November 1940 said, "It isn't that England's fighting for democracy. That's the bunk."

But the work of Clerical Fascism on the intellectual and industrialist levels of American society is naturally shrouded in secrecy. Only what takes place among the common people has become known. This was the rabble-rousing work of Father Coughlin. In addition to his following of several million Irish-Catholic listeners and sympathizers, Coughlin needed a closely-knit and militant corps such as Hitler possessed in his Brown Shirts. To this end he formed

the *Christian Front*. Carlson tells us (p. 55) that the *Christian Front* was "the outgrowth of a plan spawned by the priest of a once obscure parish in Royal Oak." Coughlin himself confirmed this when the *Christian Fronters* were being tried in Federal Court, saying he would stand beside them "be they guilty or be they innocent . . . For us there is no white flag of surrender." Units of this violent revolutionary society were soon organized throughout the country from Pittsburgh as far west as Minneapolis.

Coughlin openly urged revolution. In *Social Justice* of April 24, 1939, he wrote:

"22 millions subsist on dole rations—and we do not revolt! How much will we stand?"

Carlson says (p. 56) "the *Christian Front*, always under Coughlin's inspiration and guidance, shouted that a private army was the only means to 'save America.'" Coughlin wrote in *Social Justice*: "Rest assured we will fight you in Franco's way."

Carlson also reveals (pp. 33, 69) how Coughlin promised police protection to anti-Semitic terrorists in New York City but shielded his secret backing of terroristic demonstrations by use of fake telegrams purporting to declare his disapproval of such tactics.

In forming the *Christian Front* Coughlin had full support from the Catholic church. In New York City, Father Duffee of the Franciscan Order was one of its chief lieutenants; the basement of the Catholic church at Columbus Circle belonging to the Paulist Fathers was one of their regular meeting places. The mail box of the Paulist Fathers in Post Office Station G was put at their disposal. Father Edward C. Burke and other priests closely identified themselves with the movement.

Carlson (p. 51) gives similar testimony:

"I heard hate preached at a meeting which started with a prayer by Father John J. Malone. The audience blessed itself and the meeting started . . . Hitler and Mussolini are men of peace. Roosevelt is one of the most vicious.'"

Coughlin's revolutionary plot was based on the idea that a few armed men properly placed can seize a country, just as Trotsky took Petrograd in 1917 with 1,000 armed men. His *Christian Fronters* were told: "You'll get target practice and complete drilling in the art of street fighting . . . Each of you captains will have your own cell, your own sabotage machine, your own revolutionary group for a Nationalist America." (*Under Cover*, p. 98)

Under the camouflaged name of "Midtown Sporting Club" the Manhattan 'Iron Guard Unit' of the *Christian Front* drilled in Donovan's Hall near the Paulist Catholic church mentioned above. Like Franco's revolutionaries they took a secret oath that said, "I will look to God for guidance." They were exhorted previous to the drill:

**You are soldiers of Christ. Men like you fought in Spain. Men like you will fight in America . . . You are defenders of the Faith. Your duty is to fight for Christ and Country."**

On January 13, 1940, the FBI raided a Brooklyn "Sporting Club" of the *Christian Front*. A Federal court suit ensued. The Jesuit publication *America*, leading Catholic weekly in its issue of January 27, 1940, ridiculed the case, and called it a Jewish plot. Public masses were said for the "heroes on trial." Carlson sums up the case and its foredoomed failure when he says that "the 'big boys' behind the scenes were never made public." The verdict of the Catholic jury was a foregone conclusion. Father Curran, Coughlin's lieutenant in the East, slyly hinted at an acquittal celebration that a close relative of his was the jury foreman.

In 1926, in Germany, Hitler revolutionaries were similarly arrested and acquitted. As late as 1930 Thomas Mann said of the Nazis: "I regard the National-Socialist Party as a flash-in-the-pan which will soon be over."

The *Christian Front* is only temporarily under cover. Coughlin is biding his time. Father Edward Brophy of Brooklyn, a *Christian Front* leader, at one of their meetings in June 1942 said: "The days are coming when this country will need a Coughlin and need him badly. We must get strong and keep organized for that day."

In *Social Justice* of Sept. 1, 1939, Coughlin predicted that it would take seven to ten years to win control. He added:

"We predict that . . . the National-Socialists in America—organized under that or some other name—eventually will take control of the government on this continent. We predict, lastly, the end of democracy in America."

Even when he was put off the radio he confidently threatened:

**"I have been retired *temporarily* . . . Not until there is an opportunity for**



**Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, still Pro-Fascist, Anti-British, Anti-Semitic.**

the pendulum of reaction to swing to the right will I resume my place before a microphone . . . I extend to them ('men powerful in the field of radio and other activities') my heartiest congratulations for all that the future holds in store for them."

#### OTHER BRANCHES OF THE 'CHRISTIAN FRONT'

The militant organization of Clerical Fascism functioned in other cities the same as in Manhattan. Space permits only passing references to its other leaders.

In Brooklyn, N. Y., Father Edward L. Curran is the local *Fuehrer*. He spends his time, with his bishop's permission, propagandizing Clerical Fascism throughout the East.

In Boston, Mass., the *Christian Front* leader is Irish-Catholic Francis P. Moran. He is assisted by William B. Gallagher and also by John J. Murphy, publisher of *Save America Now!* Carlson (pp. 450-455) gives a good description of Moran: he was an intimate friend of Nazi consul, Dr. Herbert Scholz; he exhibited the German propaganda film *Sieg im Westen* to convince people that Germany was invincible; he was a close friend of Father Coughlin and Father Duffee. Moran worked quietly "through the medium of unobtrusive underground cells, throughout New England;" he spoke in Pawtucket, R. I., with Father Curran, calling the President 'a Jew guilty of treason;' he boasted that men of top political power agree with him and protect him but are keeping under cover. Typical of his moral sabotage is his statement that follows:

"The only thing you can do now, of course, is to talk about Communism and the Jews. You can't touch the war. A whispering campaign is the best thing now. Mrs. Murphy tells Mrs. Duffy, and she tells Mrs. O'Toole, who tells it to Mrs. Smith . . .

by the time they end up, they've got something which everybody believes."

Extremely violent outbreaks of anti-Semitism occur in Boston but are hushed up by the Boston press.

Carlson (p. 213) points out that the hundreds of units of War Mother Movements still functioning full blast were given their start by Father Coughlin. Most of them publish their own fascist bulletins. In the September 1943 issue of THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE we quoted from one put out in Cincinnati.

In Washington, D. C., Coughlin's organization took the form of a lobby and a political battery. Of course, he already enjoyed the whole-hearted cooperation of reactionary Senators like Reynolds, Wheeler and Dies. Catholic Congressmen such as Barry, Sweeney, Curley, Kennedy and O'Leary were only too willing to help. Coughlin's attorney in Washington is George E. Sullivan. He is author of two anti-Semitic books. He cooperated with Mrs. 'Red Network' Dilling in the writing of America's most scurrilous attack on Jews, entitled *The Octopus*, published under the fictitious name of a Protestant clergyman, Rev. Frank Woodruff Johnson.

Most valuable Clerical Fascist in Washington was Jesuit-trained Senator David I. Walsh who is chairman of the vitally secret *Senate Committee on Naval Affairs*. Olov E. Tietzow, known as "Nazidom's traveling emissary," was a close friend of his:

"Tietzow spoke highly of Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts, who about the time of my interview was the victim of a public airing of an alleged personal scandal. According to Tietzow, the Senator saw eye to eye with him politically and had received and thanked him for all his literature. When Tietzow had got into trouble with the Post Office, Senator Walsh had interested himself in his problem because of personal friendship, Tietzow asserted."—*(Under Cover*, p. 419)

In August 1942 Senator Walsh received much notoriety on the grounds that he frequented a Nazi spy nest in Brooklyn, N. Y. The matter was hushed up by Catholic political pressure. Walsh was not interested in challenging the accusations in court.

#### THE "CHRISTIAN MOBILIZERS"

In the intricate crosswork of movements that form the groundwork of Clerical Fascism, there are some groups that serve a distinct purpose by appearing to be independent of Coughlin. The *Christian Mobilizers* are such an organization. Their leader is Irish-Catholic Joe McWilliams. He is the most notorious anti-Semite in the country. His set-up is like that of the *Christian Front*. Little wonder, for Carlson (pp. 76, 85) says "Joe was suckled by Father Coughlin's own elements in the East," and one of his lieutenants, Hartery, also referred to "our Savior, Father Coughlin." Only a priest fits the requirements of the coming American *Fuehrer* as pictured by the priest-ridden mind of McWilliams:

"A man who is a mystic. A man that the mob can look up to—but not touch. A man who has come from the people, but has reached so high that they dare not call him their own, but one appointed by God to speak for them! That's what this country needs. That's what we'll need to bring together our forces for a Nationalist America."

"Reverend Edward Brophy, another promoter of the *Christian Front*, not only spoke at a *Mobilizer* meeting, but also promoted Joe's Nazi group in other ways." (*Under Cover*, p. 82)

#### FUTURE DANGER

Clerical Fascism, driven underground during the war, is certain to rise again with a cry to 'Save America for the

Americans.' Those who fail to realize this threat to our future should ponder well the following facts:

*America First* controlled by Coughlinites boasted of 15,000,000 members. In one meeting in the Hollywood Bowl in California it drew a crowd of 100,000 'patriots.' Gerald L. K. Smith, Fascist, polled 100,000 votes in Michigan last year. The Hearst-Gannett and the McCormick-Patterson newspaper chains have over 15,000,000 readers. Mrs. Finley J. Sheppard, daughter of the late Jay Gould, gave millions to American Fascists. Robert O'Callaghan, Irish-Catholic friend of Joe McWilliams and Ku Kluxer Edward Smythe, is doing confidential government work in the Chicago office of the Alien Property Custodian, Leo Crowley.

If America waits too long to wake up to its danger, it may ironically fulfill the words of Jesuit-trained Goebbels, spokesman for Catholic Hitler:

"It will always remain the best joke made by the democratic system that it provided its deadly enemies with the means to destroy it."



PIERRE VAN PAASSEN in his book, *Days of Our Years*, page 539, states:

"The Vatican is the uncompromising foe of liberalism, socialism, democracy, Americanism—in short, of modernism in general. It was therefore to be expected that, as soon as the reaction against all these isms should begin to concretize, the Pope was most likely to sympathize with that reaction. In our day that reaction was crystallized in Fascism, which is the synthesis of all the forces of reaction, and the Vatican has indeed chosen to take its position on that side of the barricade to triumph, as it thinks, with the pagan dictators on the ruins of Christian civilization."

## THE PROFITABLE MYTH OF PURGATORY

ONE of the most profitable doctrines of the Roman Catholic church is that of Purgatory. Every Catholic is obliged to believe that after death he will be sentenced to Purgatory, there to undergo torture of unknown duration. He is further taught that the best way to shorten the sufferings of Purgatory either for himself or for his friends and relatives is to have masses said. Application of a low mass for the relief of a suffering soul costs a minimum of one dollar; a high mass costs about twenty to twenty-five dollars; a solemn high mass costs much more. The more masses said the better for an agonizing soul. Wealthy people are urged to leave several thousand dollars to provide for masses to be said perpetually for them after they die.

The Redemptorist Fathers, founded by St. Alphonsus Liguori, 173 East Third Street, in New York City, established in 1856 a "Purgatorial Society" that is still making good profits. Membership is fifty cents a year. It prints a manual for members of the Purgatorial Society that it also sells for fifty cents. In the front of this manual are a number of detachable pages for advertising the Purgatorial Society. The following is an excerpt from one of these advertisements:

"Many worry about what provision for masses will be made for them after death. Will any masses be said for them? Why not you yourself answer this question and settle this important matter during your lifetime by becoming a member of the Purgatorial Society?"

"Living as well as deceased persons may become members at any time during the year. The year begins with the day of enrollment. Absent persons may be enrolled by mail. The annual contribution is fifty cents. During the year

contributions may be sent as often as a person wishes to do so."

Fear is the motive behind Catholic belief in general and behind the doctrine of Purgatory in particular. The following quotation from page 30 of the *Manual of the Purgatorial Society*, published in 1930 with the imprimatur of Cardinal Hayes, illustrates the truth of this statement:

"According to the holy Fathers of the Church, the fire of Purgatory does not differ from the fire of hell, excepting in point of duration. 'It is the same fire,' says St. Thomas Aquinas, 'that torments the reprobate in hell, and the just in Purgatory. The least pain in Purgatory,' he adds, 'surpasses the greatest sufferings of this life.' Nothing but eternal duration makes the fire of hell more terrible than that of Purgatory."

Why masses afford the Suffering Souls the greatest relief from their torments and why masses should be said as frequently as possible is shown in the following quotation from pages 50-51 of the Manual:

"The Sacrifice of the Mass is the great devotion of the Catholic Church, and of all the means to assist the souls in Purgatory, none is more valuable or meritorious . . . From this inestimable efficacy, however, we may not infer that the offering of one Mass is sufficient to release the souls we love; for, though the Sacrifice on Calvary was infinite, we cannot conclude that the application of it, through the Mass, must also be infinite. St. Thomas Aquinas tells us, it was not the intention of Jesus Christ to bestow the full efficacy of His sufferings and death, which is celebrated in every Mass, upon us . . . It is very salutary, therefore, to have the Holy Sacrifice offered frequently for the repose of a soul."

The above is in flagrant contradiction of New Testament teaching. The Sacrifice of Christ, once made, was complete, perfect, universal, and in the words of St. Paul, saves us "to the uttermost."

The month of November in the Cath-

olic church is called "the Month of the Holy Souls" and is devoted almost ex-

clusively to the saying of masses for them.

## WHY EXTEND PAPAL POWER?

THE PROPOSED PLAN to make Central Italy a "Vatican Protectorate" would restore in full the sovereignty of the Pope over his former Papal States. Marshal Badoglio is said to be in favor of the plan.

In the Roman provinces the vote was . . .

In the City of Rome . . .

In Umbria . . .

In the Marches (Adriatic) . . .

Why then restore the Pope as 'Protector' over territories whose populations

It is well to recall that after Garibaldi's march on Rome in 1870, a plebiscite was taken in the Papal States of Central Italy to determine the will of the people as to who should rule them—either the Pope or the Constitutional Government of an United Italy. Following are the results of that plebiscite:

	For the Government	For the Pope
.....	133,681	1,507
.....	40,785	46
.....	90,075	380
.....	133,807	1,212

voted so overwhelmingly to get rid of him?

## THE DEADLY PARALLEL

PROOF of the flagrant misuse of New Testament teaching to substitute

"THE GLORIES OF MARY" says:

"Mary is our Life . . . Mary, then, in obtaining this Grace for sinners by her intercession thus restores them to life."

"And she is truly made a *mediatrix* of peace between sinners and God . . . Sinners receive pardon . . . by Mary alone." "He falls and is lost who has not recourse to Mary."

"Mary is that *Throne of Grace* to which the apostle Paul, in his Epistle to the Hebrews, exhorts us to fly with *confidence*."

"The way of *Salvation* is open to none otherwise than through Mary . . . He who is protected by Mary will be saved, he who is not will be lost."

"All power is given to thee in heaven and on earth . . . At the command of Mary all obey—even God . . . God has placed the whole Church . . . under the dominion of Mary."

"O wonderful mercy of our God who has given us His own Mother . . . to be our Advocate . . ."

"Mary is called . . . 'the gate of heaven' because no one can enter that blessed kingdom without passing through her."

Mary for Jesus Christ in Roman Catholic practice can be seen from the following:

**THE GOSPEL** says:

"Christ . . . is your Life."—*Coloss. 3:4*.

"Whereby He is able also to save forever them that come to God by Him; always living to make *intercession* for us."—*Hebrews 7:25*.

"For there is one God, and one *Mediator* of God and men, the man Christ Jesus."—*I Timothy 2:5*.

"Having therefore . . . Jesus the Son of God . . . let us go therefore with *confidence* to the *Throne of Grace*: that we may obtain Mercy and find Grace."—*Hebrews 4:14-16*.

"Jesus saith to him: *I am the way . . . no man cometh to the Father but by me.*"—*John 14:6*.

"All power is given to me in heaven and in earth."—*Colossians 1:18*.

"But if any man sin, we have an *Advocate* with the Father, Jesus Christ the just: and he is the propitiation for our sins."—*I John 2:1-2*.

"I am the *door*. By me, if any man enter in he shall be saved . . ." says Jesus in *John 10:9*.

## CATHOLIC 'FALSE FRONT' AT INTERFAITH MEETINGS

By L. H. LEHMANN

**P**ARTICIPATION of Roman Catholics in interfaith conferences was severely forbidden by Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical condemning the heresy of Americanism. But since opportunism is the keynote of Jesuit strategy, it was decided several decades later to disregard these orders in English-speaking countries. The 'high command' on Vatican Hill was persuaded that the political gains in democracies through a "liberal front" would more than outweigh the dangers to the faith that inspired Pope Leo's ultimatum. As so often happens in Roman Catholicism, principles yielded to politics.

Interfaith meetings have the noble purpose of increasing religious understanding and tolerance. But to accomplish this end the participants must be sincere and truthful. It is precisely on this point that the Roman Catholic church breaks faith. Its opposition to Protestantism as "a soul-destroying heresy" that must be uprooted is as bitter today as it ever was. In order, therefore, to create an opposite impression on the American public through interfaith meetings, it is obliged to distort its basic doctrines and pretend to endorse beliefs that it despises as foul heresies.

Unfortunately for the truth, the Roman Catholic system of organization is so devised that it can produce propagandists who can man its false liberal front with a degree of personal sincerity. Laymen untrained in theology are usually sincere in publicizing their private broadminded views as

Catholic doctrine. Priests who appear at interfaith meetings are generally of the back-slapping type with a relish for publicity and applause, like Franciscan Father Tucker of Wilmington, Delaware. Those really responsible, however, for the deception practised are the Roman hierarchy who, for political purposes, allow their underlings to profess publicly in the name of their church liberal beliefs and practices that have been explicitly condemned by councils and popes.

Typical of the deceptions suffered by the public at interfaith meetings are the following impressions of Rev. H. Hugh Wagner, Protestant pastor of Trinity Church in Springfield, Mass., printed in *The Springfield Union* of last December 4. Commenting on a three-faith meeting featuring a minister, a rabbi and a priest, he said:

"Last Sunday afternoon in the Auditorium we listened to the authentic representations of these groups as they stood up and on the basic matter of the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of one God, proclaimed identically the same faith."

"... Each of us can and does accept the most and the best of what the other two believe. Of course, this is especially true as between Catholics and Protestants, both being Christian."

How false were the impressions given by the Roman Catholic priests in this Springfield auditorium and in thousands of similar meetings can be seen from Catholic teachings as officially presented in the *Catholic Encyclopedia*. In volume XII, page 499 of this work, Protestantism is called a "fool's para-

dise" and a virulent attack on Christianity "aiming at nothing less than its destruction. . . . It is no mean enemy at the gate of the Catholic Church."

As to the impression given by the Catholic priests in the Springfield auditorium that the Catholic church shares *essential* beliefs with Protestantism, consider what the *Catholic Encyclopedia* teaches. In volume XII, page 700, it says that the Protestant Reformation led to "*an abandonment of the principal Christian beliefs.*" In volume XII, page 499, it repudiates the idea that "*the essence of Christianity*" is "*the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.*"

In order to give a clear idea of just what Roman Catholicism does think of Protestantism and its beliefs, it will be worth while to present here a number of excerpts from the *Catholic Encyclopedia*. All the quotations that follow are taken word for word from that work, with specific references to the volume and page.

#### **PROTESTANTISM—'EVIL' AND 'DEPRAVED'**

Fair-minded people of all non-Catholic faiths admit that the Protestant Reformation was a cleaning-out of medieval corruption and a renewal of Gospel Christianity. But the Roman Catholic church declares that the Reformers were evil men "with but two objects at heart, money and women," (IX, 499) who appealed only to the most corrupt passions of human nature:

"But what the Reformers aimed at was, at least, in the first instance, the radical overthrow of the existing Church, and this overthrow was effected by pandering to all the worst instincts in man. A bait was tendered to the seven-headed concupiscence which dwells in every human heart; pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy, sloth, and all their offspring were covered and healed by easy trust in God. No good works were required."

—(XII, 499)

"**'Greed, robbery, oppression, rebellion, repression, wars, devastation, degradation'** would be a fitting inscription on the tombstone of early Protestantism."

—(XII, 501)

For present-day Protestantism the Catholic church shows equal contempt. It sneers at it as a silly jumble of contradictions—"no man knows what the creed of a faithful Protestant is or should be." (XII, 295) It ridicules Protestantism in general and German Protestantism in particular:

"**Protestantism, as a positive guide in faith and morals, is rapidly dying out. It has lost all hold of the working classes. Its ministers, when not themselves infidels, fold their hands in helpless despair.**"—(XII, 499)

Protestantism of today is further depicted as negative, self-contradictory, bewildered, vainly self-pitying:

"**Protestantism claims roundly 100 millions of Christians, products of the Gospel and the fancies of a hundred reformers, people constantly bewailing their 'unhappy divisions' and vainly crying for a union which is only possible under that very central authority, protestation against which is their only common denominator.**"—(XII, 503)

#### **BELIEF IN BIBLE TEACHING 'ABSURD'**

The foundation of Protestant faith is the Bible. The Catholic church makes little of the Bible as the basis of Christianity and goes on to deny that Protestants can even have faith:

"The Supremacy of the Bible as a source of faith is unhistorical, illogical, fatal to the virtue of faith, and destructive of unity . . . in private judgment faith rests with the reader, who submits the dead text of Scripture to a kind of *post-mortem* examination and delivers a verdict without appeal: he believes in himself rather than in any higher authority. But such trust in one's own light is not faith."—(XII, 496)

"**The open Bible and the open mind on its interpretation are rather a lure to entice the masses, by flattering their pride and deceiving their ignorance,**

than a workable principle of faith."—(XII, 497)

"How many Christians are made by the tons of Testaments distributed by [Protestant] missionaries to the heathen?"—(XII, 497)

"The collection of books called 'the Bible' is not a methodical code of faith or morals . . . A book-religion has, moreover, another drawback. Its devotees can draw devotion from it only as fetish-worshippers draw it from their idol, namely, by firmly believing in its hidden spirit."—(XII, 498)

According to Catholic teaching, Protestantism, far from being a source of morality, is, by its teaching of justification through faith alone, a subversive, degenerating influence that brings out all that is evil in human nature:

Since justification by faith alone "favors man's inclination to evil by rendering a so-called 'conversion' ludicrously easy, its baneful influence on morals is manifest . . . As a matter of history, public morality did at once deteriorate to an appalling degree wherever Protestantism was introduced . . . The immense fermentation caused by the introduction of subversive principles into the life of a people naturally brings to the surface and shows in its utmost ugliness all that is brutal in human nature."—(XII, 498)

Things that Protestantism holds most sacred, even its most fundamental beliefs, are pitiful delusions in the eyes of the Catholic church:

"The Universal Priesthood of Believers is a fond fancy which goes well with the other fundamental tenets of Protestantism."—(XII, 496)

It is not the purpose of this article to show that these Catholic teachings contradict Sacred Scripture. This is evident to every Bible-reading Protestant. Our purpose here in listing these quotations is to show that these official Catholic doctrines prove the hypocrisy of Catholic participation in interfaith meetings. We could have found much more violent abuse of Protestantism in

popular Catholic books, but we limited ourselves to the cautious and restrained *Catholic Encyclopedia* because it is strictly official and at the same time easily available for confirmation in almost any library. Most of the quotations are from the article entitled "Protestantism."

Catholic propagandists do not disown their own teachings and lie in public without an urgent objective of supreme importance. The reason they do so at interfaith meetings is to deceive the general public and allay its suspicions with liberal camouflage, in order to clear the way for a campaign of Catholic Fascism that will be launched after the war, disguised as star-spangled nationalism and anti-Communism.



## FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

IT IS FAIRLY WELL AGREED that President Roosevelt's attack on Drew Pearson, newspaper columnist, in which he labeled him a "chronic liar," was intemperate and uncalled for.

Every public writer and speaker has at times indulged in over-strong language that he later had reason to regret. The President himself is scarcely an exception. The nature of Pearson's work entitles him to extra consideration where a question of exaggeration is at stake. As a daily columnist catering to a sensation-hungry public he naturally indulges at times in premature statements and wild guesses that later events falsify. But this does not make him a liar.

Mingled with over-colored items Pearson has revealed many valuable and undeniable facts that would otherwise never have reached the public. Many of these concerned Washington Senators and Representatives who put absentee relatives on their payroll. Others concerned the 'sacred cow' of journal-

ism, the Roman Catholic church. Not the least of these was his revelation a few months ago of Catholic domination of the censorship bureau of the U. S. Post Office Department. Ever since, the Roman hierarchy has been gunning for him, especially since they failed to destroy his syndicate by mass-production letters of protest to the editors that print his column. President Roosevelt, in making his attack on Pearson, could not have overlooked how pleasing his condemnation would be to the Catholic church.

To imply, as Secretary Hull did, that Pearson's statements would influence Soviet Russia, is absurd. Many others had said the same thing as Pearson, but in milder language. Before Pearson's column mentioned the desire "to bleed Russia white," *The New Statesman* of England had said: "Britain and America hope to win the war in Europe on the cheap and to enter the continent as dominant conquerors only when Russia has defeated the German armies at the price of her own exhaustion."

If the State Department in its attitude toward Russia has nothing to hide, why all the Presidential pique and excitement? If no double-dealing with Russia is at issue, all the President needed to say was that Mr. Pearson's fears were unfounded and events in the near future would prove him wrong.

Pearson has always been a strong New Deal supporter. One wonders why the President didn't reserve his over-strong language for his real enemies and for those who are really upsetting our relations with Russia and fostering fascism, like the McCormick-Patterson newspapers and the Catholic press.



## NO APPEASEMENT

**"HAVE NO FELLOWSHIP WITH THE UNFRUITFUL WORKS OF DARKNESS, BUT RATHER REPROVE THEM."**

—Ephesians 5:11

## BINGO AND POLITICS IN CINCINNATI

ARCHBISHOP McNICHOLAS during the past several months has literally torn Cincinnati apart in a revolt against City enforcement of anti-gambling laws. Bingo, darling of Roman Catholicism, is the issue at stake. Colonel Sherill, City Manager, and members of the City Council who support him, have been personally attacked by the Archbishop as "pseudo-moralists" and "unprincipled politicians."

In the same breath that the Catholic churches of Cincinnati preach violation of lawful City laws they whimper that they are being persecuted.

Contrary to the Catholics' claim that their church does not interfere in politics, Archbishop McNicholas has issued a Pastoral Letter to all his churches threatening political reprisal and insisting that all Catholics regard it as "their duty to inform themselves about candidates for the City Council."

Catholic churches in Cincinnati are continuing their gambling activities which in some cases include, besides bingo, lotteries, raffles, slot machines, etc. This is done despite several raids conducted by the City Manager, who had said: "All law violators look alike to me, whether they be Catholic or Protestant, rich or poor." The City Solicitor and the County prosecutor, however, have been intimidated by the Catholic church from giving him needed support.

PROFESSOR BORGESE of the University of Chicago in an article in *Life* on August 8 had this to say of the King of Italy whose House of Savoy the Vatican wishes to preserve in power as a tool of Clerical reaction:

"To the Italian in the street he was and remained, from adolescence to senescence, '*Chiachieppa*' or '*Spiombi*.' The first appellative needs no translating, it is an imitative sound syllabicating, as it were, the squeak of some shrunken, flabby, shiny substance. *Spiombi* is something or somebody out of the plumb line—a misshapen midget."

# On the Lookout

BY J. J. MURPHY

## JESUIT SCHOOL FOR U. S. DIPLOMATS

JESUIT FATHER, Edmund J. Walsh, is the guiding power of the *School of Foreign Service* at Georgetown. Jesuit university in Washington, D. C. He is America's leading Red-baiter in 'best society' circles, since he short-circuited a Soviet-Vatican concordat in 1923. (See: *The Soviets in World Affairs*, by Louis Fischer, Vol. II, pp. 521-24.)

U. S. Minister Robert Murphy, go-between of the Vatican and the French-German banking trust in the Darlan deal in North Africa, is only one of hundreds that the Jesuits have trained for positions in the United States Diplomatic Service. Catholics boast of this fact and their hierarchy are pleased at the international political cooperation it lends to Vatican intrigues. Many of these Jesuit diplomats are in the State Department offices in Washington blocking liberal moves in order to keep the world safe for Clericalism.

Hundreds of other Jesuit products from the same diplomatic school, however, are found outside the United States in key posts of the U. S. Department of State. The *Catholic Digest* of last June said:

"The Georgetown University *School of Foreign Service* in Washington, D. C., was established in February, 1919, and now has alumni scattered over the five continents, from the snowy peaks of Newfoundland to Cape Town in South Africa. In peacetime it was the proud boast of the school that an alumnus could travel around the world, and, by dining with his fraternity brothers in the various countries, not buy a single meal."

Robert Murphy, according to the N. Y. Times of last September 5, "was sent to North Africa in January, 1941, to prepare, in cooperation with General Weygand, who then represented the French [Vichy] Government there, the trade between this country and North Africa. . . ." It is interesting to note that John Gunther in *Inside Europe* calls Weygand a "fanatic Catholic." Poincaré said of him that "he is up to his neck in priests." Pierre van Paassen in *That Day Alone* tells of Weygand's Catholic passion

for Fascism that caused him to double-cross England on the battlefields of France in the late Spring of 1940.

## SALVAGING THE POPE'S FASCIST BONDS

THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE is known to be almost as much under Roman Catholic influence as our State Department in Washington. This is confirmed by an Associated Press dispatch from London, appearing in the N. Y. Times of September 4. It related how the British Government, several days before the surrender of Italy, allowed Giovanni Fummi, an Italian banker, to arrive in London "to discuss Vatican finances with British capitalists." It added that he "is financial adviser to Pope Pius XII." Though admitting that Fummi, a resident of Rome, is "technically an enemy alien," it goes on to say that he "will be allowed free movement in London, provided he refrains from interviews and restricts his discussion to business."

It would appear that the Vatican is exempt from all laws enacted to safeguard our warring democracies. In spite of the fact that it is situated in the capital of an Axis power, it has been allowed by the British, American and Canadian governments to send and receive uncensored mail pouches. These same countries have also made special arrangements that permit pounds and dollars to be exported to the Vatican at any time.

## 'TAMMANY TIGER' AGAIN ON PROWL

HISTORY has proved that 'Rome never reforms.' The same may be said of Tammany Hall, its Irish-Catholic offshoot in New York City. In spite of pious pretensions during the last decade, a recent scandal has showed it to be the same pool that spawned Jimmy Walker and Jimmy Hines.

The District Attorney of New York City revealed on August 28 that City Magistrate Thomas A. Aurelio had been nominated for the Supreme Court of New York State through the political influence of Catholic Frank Costello, well-known racketeer, whose record dates back to 1908 and who now lives in a fashionable \$350-a-month apartment. Tapped telephone wires recorded a call from Aurelio to Costello expressing the former's "undying gratitude" for his nomination to the judgeship.

Aurelio is a practicing Catholic. He attended St. Anne's parochial school in Manhattan. According to the N. Y. *Journal-American* of August 29, he is an active member of the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society.

Michael Kennedy, head of Tammany Hall, appeared to be horrified at this latest scandal, until the newspaper *PM* on September 12 proved that he had consulted with Costello and was largely responsible for the nomination of Aurelio.

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### WHEN MUSSOLINI FELL

MUSSOLINI became dictator of Italy only when the Vatican destroyed parliamentary opposition by dissolving the Catholic *Popular Party*. When Mussolini fell, the Vatican reassumed political control. Badoglio was a mere front, while Pope Pius XII, smoothest diplomat of the century, gave Hitler a few weeks to entrench himself in northern Italy, presumably in accordance with the secret clause of the Vatican-Nazi concordat.

This is confirmed by Derek Patmore in *The Christian Science Monitor* of August 27, who quoted "a neutral diplomat closely in touch with Vatican circles" as follows:

"The Badoglio Government is maintained in power mainly by the Vatican . . . the Vatican is using all its influence on the Italian people and on Roman Catholics throughout the world to avoid the possibility of any revolutionary activity in Italy. . . . Meanwhile, the Germans are not remaining inactive, and the whole coast from Flume to Greece is now under Germany military control."

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### VATICAN'S OWN 'WAR OF NERVES'

WAR OF NERVES is a psychological device which the Vatican used long before Hitler. It used it again recently during the interval between the fall of Mussolini and the surrender of Italy. On Saturday, August 28, the Vatican broadcast in English to the British Isles asking its listeners to tune in the following day for an "important announcement." Prime Minister Churchill, in this country at the time, postponed a speech scheduled for the following day, presumably on the strength of the Vatican promise. What happened on that anxiously-awaited Sunday is found in the N. Y. *Times* of the following day:

"Government monitors reported, however, that the Vatican station had gone

off the air yesterday at 6:30 A.M., EWT, after the customary broadcast of the mass at St. Peter's, without making any announcement in the English language."

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### THE MOVIES UNDER CATHOLIC PRESSURE

GLORIFICATION of Roman Catholicism has become stock-in-trade in the movie industry. Spencer Tracy, Pat O'Brien and other Catholic actors have glamorized Father Flanagan, Father Duffy and other priests. The film *San Francisco* started this movie cycle shortly after the Legion of Decency bluffed Hollywood into subservience. *Keys of the Kingdom* was purchased at a fancy price to display to the world the pretended broadmindedness of the Catholic clergy. The \$2,500,000 *Song of Bernadette* film, aiming to immortalize the myth of Lourdes will be released by late Fall. It is to be released on a two-a-day show basis. The 'super-holiness' of the theme made it necessary to forbid the actresses to use make-up or nail polish.

The pro-Catholic novel of Willa Cather, *The Bridge of San Luis Rey*, featuring a 'tranquill Franciscan friar' went before the cameras in mid-September.

Catholic Bing Crosby will appear as a Catholic priest in *Going My Way*. Perhaps it should be called 'From Sarong to Sanctuary.' As a "song-composing, crooning padre" he will save his mortgaged church and train a boy's choir till it reaches national fame. Frank McHugh, also a Catholic, plays the part of a fellow priest in this same film. The N. Y. *Times* of September 5 commented that this picture "is being virtually filmed under the watchful eye of the church. The Rev. John Devlin, a representative of [Irish-born] Bishop Cantwell of the Los Angeles Diocese, sits behind cameras during much of the filming, acting as technical adviser to Leo McCarey, the [Catholic] producer-director."

The Roman hierarchy not only forces Hollywood to spurn realism by depicting every priest as the quintessence of spirituality and human kindness—but, what is more, makes it pay in cold cash for undergoing this sectarian censorship as if it were a privilege.

*Roger Touhy—Last of the Gangsters*, is the life drama of a Roman Catholic racketeer, but you will find nothing in the film to betray this important fact.

## CATHOLICS AIM TO MONOPOLIZE AMC

CIVIL ADMINISTRATION in vanquished Italy must be placed exclusively in the hands of Americans and Italians who will not offend the "religious susceptibilities of the Catholic Italian people," according to a demand contained in a resolution of the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus in session in Cleveland in late August. This amounts to insistence that only Catholics be given governmental jobs in Italy. It falsely presupposes that most Italians are practising Catholics and ignores the fact that many of them, including the leading anti-Fascists, are anti-Clerical.

Commenting on this partisan demand, *The Nation* of August 28 said that the Knights of Columbus had little reason to fear as far as the decision of the U. S. military and civil authorities is concerned. Referring to Catholic political power, it added:

"The church has too many good friends in the State Department and other high places, and the Administration has always been keenly alive to the weight of the Catholic vote. In fact, as the one mass-pressure group in this country which has a definite foreign policy of its own, the Catholic church exercises an altogether disproportionate influence in our international affairs."

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## THE BISHOPS AND THE BANKERS

PERTINAX, a French journalist named André Guerard, is doing advance patrol work for Hitler's puppet governments. His latest trial balloon was released in the *N. Y. Times* of August 20. The heading and sub-headings read as follows: "PETAIN HELD READY TO AID LIBERATORS. Marshal Is Reported Awaiting Chance to Help Allies Set Up New French Regime. Seen Eager to Oust Laval. He is Pictured as Counting on U. S. Opposition to Algiers French as His Opening."

Pétain's plot to safeguard the reactionary interests of the Vatican and those of the French-German banking trust is to replace Laval and his cabinet with other and less tarnished collaborators.

The Roosevelt-Churchill snubbing of the French Committee of National Liberation and their refusal to let it use the millions of French Government gold which we are

holding, has encouraged Pétain and his kind throughout Europe.

Monsieur Bapst and Monsieur de Soubry were recently arrested in North Africa by de Gaulle forces for having sent hundreds of millions of gold francs to Germany by way of Lisbon, while American Minister Robert Murphy was collaborating with Weygand during 1941-42. (*N. Y. Times*, August 20, 1943.) These same traitorous French-German banking interests are now working hand-in-hand with the Vatican to place a Clerical-fascist regime in power after the invasion of France. During recent years French-German banks made more profits than ever before. One of these banks, the *Société Lyonnaise*, for example, in the midst of Vichy poverty increased its profits by 14 million francs and its dividends by 20 per cent.

In North Africa the French-German bankers and the Vatican, a large stock-holder, made tremendous profits in 1942-43 by U. S. redemption in dollars of almost worthless Vichy francs, thanks to the arrangements of Jesuit-trained Robert Murphy, author of the Darlan deal and collaborator of Weygand. The Giraud banking commission that arrived in this country on Christmas Day 1942 was made up entirely of Roman Catholics, one of whom was a converted Jew.

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## U. S. BIRTHS DOUBLE DEATHS

THE U. S. CENSUS BUREAU reported on July 12 last that the birth rate for the whole United States had increased to double the death rate. For May there were 20.3 births for every 10.5 deaths per 1,000.

## THE FUTURE OF ITALY AND THE VATICAN

WHAT TO DO WITH ITALY, by Gaetano Salvemini and George La Piana; 301 pages; Duell, Sloan and Pearce. Price \$2.75.

NO BOOK could be more timely and necessary right now than this work of two eminent Harvard professors — one the consistent foe of Mussolini and Fascism from their earliest beginnings; the other a former priest of the Catholic church, well versed in canon law and an authority on the history of church-state relations in Italy. The world should be grateful for two such valuable advisers in the tremendous task of rescuing longsuffering Italy from the clutches of a Fascist State and Church and restoring to its people a desired regime of liberty and democracy.

But the very qualifications of the authors, in the estimation of liberty-loving people, provide the enemies of a free State and free Church in Italy with the weapon they need to frustrate the inestimable help that these two men can be to the land of their birth. Roman Catholic propagandists in America have already fulminated against them, in an effort to discredit their labors among the common people. They condemn these men as "anti-Christian refugees," "discredited professors." "Salvemini is a refugee . . . his closest friend and adviser [Professor La Piana] is an ex-priest," says Thomas F. Coakley in the Brooklyn *Tablet* of August 21. He calls upon Catholics to get rid of them, and dictates that "these discredited professors should not find refuge in the very important groups who are to have a dominant influence in the new forms of government set up in the conquered countries." Against Professor La Piana, Salvemini's co-author, Father Coakley is especially bitter—just because he is an ex-priest. The fact that this ex-priest is now Morrison professor of Ecclesiastical History at Harvard, that he is expert in canon law and an authority on church history—all of this is of no avail. The Catholic church has so mendaciously conditioned the minds of its adherents that merely to tell them that a man is an ex-priest is sufficient to condemn him and render ineffectual his knowledge and all his good work.

This work of Professors Salvemini and La Piana went to press July 8, less than

three weeks before the dramatic fall of Mussolini and the world-shaking events that have come to pass since then. Nevertheless, these events have not altered substantially anything that the authors have to say, since what they wrote concerns what will happen subsequent to the events that have already come to pass in Italy. Everything they say in their book underlines the almost insuperable difficulties that must be faced if anything like a liberal democratic regime is to follow Fascism in Italy. The task will test not only the announced good-will of the leaders of the United Nations but their determination to carry it out. It is the settled conviction of the authors that only by the setting up of a clearly-defined republican regime can liberty and freedom be assured for the Italian people.

Since the difficulty of settling Italy's post-war affairs will be greatly aggravated by Catholic church political intrigues, it is no wonder that the authors devote more than a third of their book to the Vatican and its tie-up with Mussolini. They give an exhaustive record of all the facts connected with this modern black page in the history of the Papacy. Not the least of the difficulties facing the re-makers of a democratic regime for Italy will be the safeguarding of it from a repetition of Vatican sabotage. Well may the authors have reason to say (p. 279):

"Unless a miraculous change of heart takes place and unless Vatican policy comes to be dictated by men alive to present needs instead of by canonists living in the remote past, we may be sure that the new Italian regime will have to face the hostility of the official Church. The Vatican will do again what it did in 1870; it will take the attitude that it is the innocent victim of Italian anti-religious groups bent on destroying the Church. The popes will start all over again to protest against the Italian regime, denouncing its domination by Freemasonry, or by Communism, and calling the whole world to witness how the Church in Italy, deprived of all its rights, faces persecution and martyrdom."

Most to be feared, however, is that the Vatican may again resort to national and international intrigue to undermine the hoped-for democratic regime in Italy. Here is where the new leaders of a democratic Italy must take measures beforehand in order to safeguard their country from political Catholicism. Absolute separation of church and state in Italy alone can guarantee democracy there as else-

where. The authors are all for this, but surprisingly advocate that the Lateran Treaty between the Vatican and Mussolini in 1929 should not be cancelled or made void (with the exception of articles 1 and 23) by the new democratic regime.

The reason why the authors incline to a retention of the Lateran Treaty (with the exception of the articles mentioned) is because this Treaty contains the pope's



*George La Piana*



*Gaetano Salvemini*

## THE AUTHORS

Professor La Piana was a Roman Catholic priest from 1901 to 1913. After resigning from the priesthood he came to the United States and studied and taught at Harvard, where he is now Professor of Church History.

His works, published here and abroad, include *Church and State in France in the Eighteenth Century*; *The Church of Rome at the End of the Second Century*; *The Immigrant Groups in Rome during the First Three Centuries of the Empire*. Professor La Piana is considered one of the most eminent historians in the United States. His views on the interrelation of Church and State in Italy carry particular weight.

Now seventy years old, Professor Salvemini began his career at the University of Florence, where he became Professor of History in 1916. Among his well-known books are *The Commune of Florence*, *Mazzini*, and *The French Revolution*.

He has opposed Fascism from the beginning, was challenged by Mussolini to a duel and, in 1925, arrested. Finally, Salvemini escaped, arriving eventually in the United States. Salvemini is, in the fullest sense, a master and a philosopher: one who teaches by deeds not words. His indefatigable energy has made him the most tireless as well as the most consistent of the opponents of Fascism.

solemn, *de jure*, renunciation of the papal claims to sovereignty over the papal states. They hold that this "closed the Roman question forever." Why not completely kill it forever by the definitive establishment of Cavour's "free church in a free state," with complete freedom for the Catholic religion and equal freedom for all other religions?

Rightly the authors hold that the new democratic regime should not assume the financial obligations of the defunct Fascist State to the Vatican, either with regard to support of bishops and clergy from the public treasury, or with regard to the billion lire in Fascist bonds given to the pope by Mussolini in 1929. The Fascist regime, the authors tell us, has left Italy 100% bankrupt; its public debt at the time of the fall of Mussolini was 600 billion lire, which equals the total assets of the entire country. The pope got 750 million lire in cash from Mussolini, and took the billion lire in Fascist bonds at his own risk. More important even than opposition to any appeasement of the Vatican by underwriting its financial losses, should be determined opposition to any attempt to have the victorious United Nations consent to an international guaranteee of the Lateran Treaty of 1929, and thus give Vatican City an official international status. The authors warn against this and explain why.

Every reader of THE CONVERTED CATHOLIC MAGAZINE should read this book. If you cannot afford to purchase a copy, get it from your local library. If it is not in your local library, make a demand that a copy be placed on its shelves. The information it contains should be made known to all Americans. For whatever arrangement the people of Italy will make with the Catholic church concerning their own country is their own affair. But any arrangement with the Vatican as an international political organization will affect us in America, and Americans therefore should have knowledge of it and opportunity to accept or reject it. L.H.L.

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## THE PASSING SHOW

P. J. WHELAN

► THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY magazine in its issue of June 2 quoted the late Bishop Leonard, then interviewing American Protestant chaplains in England, as speaking of "the very large proportion of Protestants in the American Armed forces—73 per cent in all." The remaining 27 per cent is made up of Jews and Roman Catholics plus Orthodox Catholics and other non-Roman members of the Catholic Church such as Liberal Catholics, Old Catholics, Apostolic Catholics, Anglo-Catholics, etc. Where does this leave Roman Catholic propaganda claims that the American Armed Forces are over 35 per cent Roman Catholic? Where too does it leave its calumny that more than half of the Americans have no religion at all?

► SELECTIVE SERVICE rules have been so framed from the beginning of this war that they exempt even a Catholic high school boy who claims that he intends to become a priest. But even with the latest modifications—under the V-12 program—a Protestant boy will not be deferred. The best he can hope for is that after he has been drafted he will be considered eligible for eventual service in the Armed Forces as a chaplain. Even these rules discriminating in favor of Catholics, plus others exempting lay brothers who will never be priests, left them unsatisfied. They later asked for and received exemption for all men who merely work for a Catholic institution.

► CATHOLIC ARROGANCE displays itself in the tirades Archbishop McNicholas has been making for months against the enemies of bingo. After declaring that opposition to bingo is "counterfeit morality," and that "the Catholic Church is the only institution in the world today that is the fearless champion of total morality," he goes on to give an *ex cathedra* declaration: "I wish to give the most positive assurance that in the moral order there is nothing sinful or wrong in itself in playing an innocent game of chance."

► AMERICANS rightly ask: "Why did we not use the 'normal diplomatic channels' in place of trying to get the Vatican to negotiate the surrender of Italy?" *The Christian Century* points out that there was not the slightest need to employ the Vatican, since Switzerland and other neutral embassies in Rome would have been glad to offer their services. The Vatican had much to gain by attempting to play the role of mediator. The British people were annoyed at Mr. Churchill for this, since the Vatican complicated an already involved issue. The result was that Germany was able to make good use of the time we thus needlessly wasted.

► THE ASSOCIATED PRESS on August 16 reported that "Catholic authorities in Italy continue to give important support to Badoglio." Through Badoglio, Vatican politicians won valuable time for the Nazis to entrench themselves in Italy. With the support of the democrats and socialists of Northern Italy the Allies could have seized all Italy at once and without bloodshed, immediately after the fall of Mussolini, through a national revolution. Bewitched by Vatican propaganda, they not only refused to do this but weakened and demoralized northern Italians by bombings while Rome, center of Fascism, remained intact and open to Nazi infiltration.

► DURING the Churchill-Roosevelt Quebec conference the only girl living in the Citadel with the statesmen, besides Subaltern Mary Churchill, was Miss June Blais, a Catholic, daughter of Brigadier Edmund Blais in charge of the Quebec Military District, an American member of the Canadian Army. Miss Blais attends a nun's college in Lakewood, New Jersey.

► KITTY CASSIDY COHEN, Irish Roman Catholic wife of a Brooklyn (N. Y.) Jewish policeman, got her picture and a full column write-up in the N. Y. *Herald-Tribune* recently because of her interest in 100 overseas soldier boys from her parish church of Holy Cross in Flatbush. Among her achievements was the giving of \$125.00 to Father Richard McIntyre for 100 yearly subscriptions for her boys to the Brooklyn Catholic *Tablet*, pro-Coughlinite weekly newspaper.

► ARCHBISHOP SPELLMAN, acclaimed by the press as "the Vicar of the U. S. Armed Forces," enjoys no such position or

title. He is merely the vicar of the Roman Catholics in the U. S. Armed Forces. This title has been given him by the Catholic church. He is not in any way a member of the Armed Forces and enjoys no military office or title. In spite of this he was given a luxurious 40,000-mile trip by airplane and feted by civil and military leaders at the expense of the U. S. taxpayers, 116,000,000 of whom are not Roman Catholics.

► THE N. Y. HERALD TRIBUNE justified the exemption of Archduke Otto from military service on the grounds that enemy aliens are not approved for such service. In its issue of September 9 it corrected this misstatement by saying that it has been informed that enemy aliens are being accepted regularly for military service. It did not attempt a new explanation as to why Otto has not been called, in spite of the fact that he is unmarried and in the best of health. The answer is that Catholic church influence in Washington has forced the State Department to secure his exemption from the draft.

► CATHOLIC authorities have raged for centuries against a "blind oath of obedience" that they claim Freemasons must take. They have uttered no objection against the blind oaths of Nazis and Fascists to their leaders. One such oath found in Italy begins with the words, "In the name of God and Italy I swear to follow the orders of Il Duce and to serve the cause of the Fascist revolution . . ." By the terms of the Concordat between the Pope and Mussolini, all Italian bishops were also obliged to take an oath of loyalty to the Fascist regime. Bishops in Spain likewise take an oath of fealty to Franco.

► LT. COL. CHARLES POLETTI, former temporary Governor of New York is now chief of AMG in Sicily. He is Italian-born and a Protestant converted from Roman Catholicism. The Knights of Columbus went on record recently as opposing any but Roman Catholics having direction of rehabilitation of Italy after its conquest. To offset Poletti's position in Sicily, President Roosevelt, on Sept. 25, appointed Catholic Leo T. Crowley over Poletti as Foreign Economic Administrator.

► FOR YEARS Catholic propaganda convinced everybody that communism in Russia had made the country Godless, with the exception of a very few old people. The Protestant Archbishop of York was one of those thus deceived. His visit to Moscow in September changed that impression. The N. Y. *Herald-Tribune* of Sept. 25 reported him as stating that "A majority of the congregations appeared to be between thirty-five and forty-five years of age."

► AMERICAN invasion forces in Sicily sought the collaboration of the Catholic hierarchy immediately after they made headway from their beachheads. Our newspapers showed General George S. Patton in consultation with the Jesuit Cardinal Lavignier, Archbishop of Palermo. It was this archbishop who directed the training of Roman Catholic missionaries to enter Russia with Hitler's armies to convert the Russians to the Roman Catholic church.

► ENGLAND has never allowed Rome to send a Papal Nuncio or Apostolic Delegate to reside there. The United States, on the contrary, is going to the other extreme of allowing Rome to establish here important offices of the Roman Curia. Recently it delegated its Washington emissary to take over the decisions formerly made by the Roman Court of the Rota. On September 3 it authorized him to publish here the *Acta Apostolicae Sedis*, official organ for papal pronouncements, never before published outside the Vatican. It will be distributed from here to various countries throughout the world.

► THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of the Welfare Council of New York recently remarked in the N. Y. *Times* that "social problems are developing in Brooklyn much faster than Brooklyn alone can deal with them." This is no credit to the Catholic church, which boasts of Brooklyn as "the largest Catholic diocese in the world." It is also a stronghold of Catholic Fascism and a nerve center of the *Christian Front*, under the direction of Father Brophy and Father Curran.

► ARRANGEMENTS for direct radio transmission between the Vatican and Japan were successfully concluded last August 23, to take the place of the discontinued broadcasts to Japan from Fascist Italy.

► SIGNOR ENRICO GALEAZZI, official of Vatican City, flew from Rome to Washington after the fall of Mussolini. The National Catholic Welfare Conference in Washington declared on Sept. 3, in a report to the Associated Press, that Signor Galeazzi's journey "concerns financial and administrative matters of the Vatican." It will be remembered that the Pope was financially tied up with Italian Fascism to the tune of one billion lire in Fascist bonds. He also received 750 million lire in cash from Mussolini.

► THE POPES in this war have shown discrimination against the United Nations by receiving in audience and blessing Axis soldiers in uniform. In the first World War, Pope Benedict XV lived in an Allied country, but refused to grant audiences to French, British and Italian soldiers then in Rome.

► COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY was the meeting-place in early September of the fourth national conference on science, philosophy and religion in their relation to the democratic way of life. The Sunday afternoon conference was presided over by Jesuit Father Guthrie. Vital problems that were not discussed included political authoritarianism of the Catholic church, Catholic responsibility for social stagnation in Quebec and Latin America, the high criminal rate among Catholics, etc.

► PROTESTANT progress in Latin America is clearly demonstrated in a new book by J. Merle Davis. *How the Church Grows in Brazil*. Its facts are a much needed refutation of John W. White's Catholic calumnies in his articles and recent book *Our Good Neighbor Hurdle*. In the fifty-three years since the Brazilian government allowed entry to non-Catholic missionaries, 1,000,000 Brazilians have been converted to Protestantism. Their churches are flourishing and self-supporting.

► THE N. Y. TIMES of September 3, reporting the sermon of Msgr. Flannery on the occasion of the fifth anniversary pontifical mass for the deceased Cardinal Hayes, quoted him as saying that the purpose of the mass was "to speed Cardinal Hayes' journey through purgatory to Heaven." No one has yet decided how many low masses for the agonizing souls in Purgatory are equal to one high mass. But there is a big difference in cost.

**THE EDITOR'S  
MAILBAG**

**COULD THE POPE STOP THE WAR?**

A READER makes the following challenge to the pope:

"SIR:

The power of the hunger-strike as a means to gain an end without harming anyone is very great—as Ghandi and others have proved. Such a fast, if used by a person of great influence, might bring peace to this war-torn world; and it has occurred to me that among the Catholic readers of 'The Converted Catholic Magazine' perhaps a group could be formed which would secure signatures to a petition calling upon His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, to start a fast that would end only with the so-called Christian peoples laying down their arms. The large Catholic population in the Axis countries, as well as in all other lands, doubtless would respond instantly. His Holiness if successful (as 'God's Vicar' on earth how could he fail?), would not only save the world from the total destruction threatening it, but likewise the souls of his followers."

—Ellen Winsor, Malvern, Pa.

"OF COURSE, you saw (*New Republic*, Sept. 6) the letter of E. J. Heffron, Executive Secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men, written in the usual taunting vein that reactionaries adopt when they address hated liberals such as Lawrence Farnsworth. If I could put up no better arguments than have been offered by those Catholic reactionaries who have lately been writing to the *New Republic*, it seems to me that I would keep quiet. Mr. Heffron says typically, 'I trust that some of us Catholics may be allowed a slight sneer.' Well! Why not? Catholics like him have been sneering right and left especially for the last couple of decades, at both Protestants and Catholic liberals. Why should one sneer more matter? Strange, isn't it, that Jesuit-minded Catholics hate liberal Catholics much more bitterly than they hate any sort of Protes-

tant. Indeed, some of them seem to have a sneaking fondness for these Protestants that fall for their whining, wheedling, Sheeneque 'line.' Has John Haynes Holmes become one of these?"

—M. A.—Wilmington, Del.

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